Councilmember/High-Tech Worker

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio has always been independent. He has never been controlled by nor is he accepting endorsements from corporations, labor unions or special interest groups. His 18 years of professional high-tech experience helped save San José taxpayers \$1.4 million on one technology project alone. During his seven year tenure on the city council, he has never missed a council meeting or a council committee meeting.

Pierluigi is a lifelong San José resident and the son of immigrant parents, both retired teachers. He is proud to have attended both San José K-12 public schools and San José State University, where he paid his tuition by working at night. A former public school educator, he completed his teaching credential and classroom instruction at Gunderson and Leland. He is a parishioner of Saint Christopher's church and a homeowner on Cherry Ave.

Pierluigi has authored over 300 articles regarding the myriad of challenges and opportunities facing San José. He has been clear and consistent in documenting his beliefs and voting record. Pierluigi would be honored to receive your vote, and work on your behalf to make San José an even better place to live. www.FromHereForUs.com

Mayor Dave Cortese

County Supervisor/Businessman

When I served on the council just over five years ago, San Jose was one of the safest cities in America - now we are amidst a public safety crisis as crime increases dramatically. As a lifetime resident and businessman in San Jose, with 21 years of public service, I have the experience to unite San Jose, restore neighborhood police patrols and make our neighborhoods safe again.

As Mayor, my #1 priority will be public safety. I have protected public safety programs from budget cuts, fought to keep fire stations open, and created effective gang and burglary prevention programs. I am honored to be endorsed by business leaders, police officers, firefighters, teachers, and neighborhood leaders.

As a business owner, County Supervisor, City Councilmember, Vice Mayor and school board member, I have a record of getting things done. My accomplishments for San Jose include: Reducing traffic, creating jobs and fighting for BART to San Jose. Saving millions by investing tax dollars efficiently. Maintaining library hours and programs. Protecting our environment, parks and open space

San Jose needs a mayor with leadership and vision. I have the experience, record of success and ability to bring San Jose together to get the job done.

I would appreciate your vote. www.davecortese.com

Mayor Bill Chew
Fitness Consultant

No Candidate Statement Submitted

Mayor

Timothy Harrison

Quality Assurance Representative

No Candidate Statement Submitted

Mayor Rose Herrera

San José City Councilwoman

As your mayor, I will make neighborhoods safer and create more opportunity so everyone can share in the success of Silicon Valley. My plan will expand San José's economy, grow jobs and expand the tax base so we can invest in public safety, job creation and education.

My personal mission will be to recruit companies and push the city to innovate to make it easier to do business and create jobs, protect industrial land needed for jobs, and focus on sectors like advanced manufacturing that create higher-paying middle class jobs.

I have a record of getting real results - even when opposed by special interests. I fought to control pension costs to protect vital services, recruited businesses, brought in 2500 new jobs, saved Lake Cunningham and Municipal Water, fought to build ballfields, and pushed Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression to get kids back into classrooms.

I was born in San José and graduate from Overfelt. I returned after serving in the Air Force, graduated from Santa Clara University, raised my family, and started a business before my election to City Council.

I am asking for your vote so we can make San José safer, help schools, and ensure our economy works for everyone. www.RoseforSanJose.com

Mayor Mike Alvarado Worker

No Candidate Statement Submitted

Vice Mayor/Mother

I have worked alongside Mayor Chuck Reed as his two-term Vice Mayor reforming our pensions, creating jobs, working to fix our roads and keeping our libraries, parks and community centers open.

My family escaped Vietnam on a fishing boat when I was four. We lived in refugee camps in the Philippines prior to arriving in America. I grew up working on the fields alongside my parents in the Central Valley. This modest beginning instilled in me the values I cherish today. Hard work and a good education provide endless opportunities in our country.

My values define my vision for San José: (1) make schools and neighborhoods safer; (2) restore the police burglary unit; (3) reduce gang violence; (4) boost economic development and create high paying jobs; (5) fix potholes and sidewalks; (6) partner with business and foundations to improve education for our youth; and (7) increase hours at libraries, improve senior and youth programs.

I earned my Bachelor's degree from U.C. Santa Cruz and a Master's degree from the University of Chicago. Prior to the city council, I served as President of the Franklin-McKinley School Board and taught at community colleges.

Please vote Madison Nguyen for Mayor. www.madisonformayor.com

Mayor Sam Liccardo

San José City Councilmember

Education and Qualifications: Harvard Law School, Bellarmine, Former prosecutor.

This is your city government. You pay for it. You deserve a leader with my record of cutting waste and working with the mayor to reform pensions. I'm fighting for your priorities, like improving safety, accelerating emergency medical response, bringing BART to San José, repairing roads, and reducing homelessness.

I wrote the plan to make San José safer (www.samliccard.com/a_detailed_plan) not by spending more, but spending smarter: using pension savings to hire 200 more cops, implement cost-saving technologies, and restore community policing. Without increasing city spending, I've launched successful efforts to cut red tape to create middle class jobs, provide tutoring for hundreds of youth, install energy-efficient streetlights, and improve parks.

Our campaign for a smarter, more innovative government has earned the support of over 100 Silicon Valley tech leaders, former Mayors Susan Hammer, Tom McEnery, and Ron James, crimefighters like District Attorney Jeff Rosen and David Pandori, community champions like Blanca Alvarado and Brian Cong Do, and budget reformers like Jim Cuneen.

My grandparents started a small grocery store here in the 1940s. I was raised to love San José as they did, and will lead our city with honor. www.SamLiccardo.com

As your new City Councilmember in San José, my priorities will be to increase public safety, maintain a balanced budget, and improve our city's aging infrastructure. Solving these problems will also attract much needed industry and bring us new jobs. In addition, I will support the needs of our Seniors and Veterans who have special needs and lifestyles, which should be honored.

As a resident of San José for 37 years, I have been part of the rapidly growing high technology environment and have learned to think outside of the box. This allows me to bring new ideas and viewpoints to the council. I've also spent many years in community service, listening and learning what my fellow San Joseans need and want.

Currently, I serve on the San José Senior Commission, Cypress Advisory Council, Hathaway Park Neighborhood Association and other local and county committees as well as attending many Council meetings.

I believe we can work together to improve our community with honesty, integrity, commitment and transparency. I will be honored by your vote and will continue to listen to and serve the citizens of San José. Thank you for your vote.

Educator/Mother

For 21 years, I've made my home in West San Jose, where my husband and I have raised four sons. In addition to decades of service as an educator, parent, and volunteer in the Moreland School District, I have served as a City of San Jose Arts Commissioner and a board member of EHC LifeBuilders.

I am running for City Council because I believe that someone who has lived, worked, and served in our community should be our voice at city hall. My experience in local schools, coupled with a Masters in Public Administration and work at the Electric Power Research Institute will help me bring a unique balance of personal and professional perspectives to the council.

As your councilmember, I will work tirelessly to: generate economic opportunity while practicing fiscal responsibility; ensure that we can all thrive in safe neighborhoods with excellent schools for our children; expand access to affordable housing; restore library hours; enhance our parks and trails; and promote efficient transportation options.

I am honored by the support of dozens of community leaders, including former San Jose Vice Mayor Trixie Johnson and Moreland School District Trustee Julie Reynolds-Grabbe.

I respectfully ask for your vote.www.susangmarsland.com

For over 35 years, I've been serving my neighbors in District 1 as an Educator at De Anza and Evergreen Valley Colleges, former Assistant Varsity Football Coach at Lynbrook High School, owner of two small businesses, Trustee on the Foothill/De Anza Community College Board, and as your California Assemblymember. I have the passion and proven experience to represent you during this time of challenges and opportunities in San José.

In the Assembly, I've earned a 100% voting scorecard on legislation supporting seniors, women's reproductive freedom, the environment and animal rights. And, I made the tough decisions on pension reform that put our state back in the black while protecting working families.

If elected to the Council, my top priority will be making San José's families, seniors and businesses safer. We must rebuild our police force, because today we have the lowest ratio of police officers to citizens of any large city in America. I believe San José can balance our budget, restore critical services to seniors and children, and regain our title as the "safest big city in America." I would be honored to have your vote. Thank you.

For more information please visit www.paulfongforcouncil.com

High-Tech Manager/Father

After moving to District 1 twenty years ago, I have been active in neighborhood, district, and city leadership positions: President, Murdock Neighborhood Association; member, District 1 Leadership Group; Commissioner, SJ Neighborhoods Commission - D1; SJ General Fund Deficit Reduction Elimination Task Force; Chair, San Jose Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure Committee; San Jose Project Diversity Screening Committee; Commissioner, SJ Small Business Development Commission; and member, SJ Sports Facility Taskforce.

My priorities: Safer neighborhoods and schools, restore the police burglary unit, create more good-paying jobs through economic development, fiscal responsibility, reduce gang activity and violence by adding more police officers and using non-sworn community service officers to free up those sworn officers; and repair city streets and extend library & community center hours.

Chappie is endorsed by: Mayor Chuck Reed; D1 Councilmember Pete Constant; businesswoman Helen Wang, Campbell Union School District Trustee Julie Constant, past chair D1 Leadership Group Steve Landau; Co-founder Strawberry Park Neighborhood Assoc. Patty Brooks, and SJSV Chamber of Commerce PAC. Vote Charles Jones. www.votechappie.com.

Paratransit Operator

I define myself by my spirituality: A follower of my Lord and King Jesus Christ of the historical documents of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. My life is one of service modeled after the example of Jesus (Mark 10:45).

I am running for this office because I view this position as a means to help many people. For many years I have been involved in volunteer work. My educational background includes an AA degree in CIS from De Anza College and a B.S. degree from SJSU in Business (MIS concentration). I have spent the past 11 years as a paratransit operator in service to the poor, elderly, and disabled community. My past experience and volunteer work have allowed me to come in contact with many different types of people.

More information about me can be found on my website. If you have any questions or comments feel free to email me, call me, friend me on Facebook, or follow me on Twitter.

Web site: http://www.alternativevoiceforsanjose.com

District 1

Art Zimmerman

Community Volunteer

No Candidate Statement Submitted

Vote for Bob Levy and vote for proven local leadership.

I have volunteered and served on 15 government and non-profit committees, commissions and boards, with one goal in mind: improving the quality of life in San José.

As chair of the San José Planning Commission and chair of both the City and County Parks Commissions, I spearheaded efforts to build parks, protect creeks, and promote local businesses.

I'm proud to have earned the endorsements of Mayor Susan Hammer and former District 1 Councilmembers Linda LeZotte and Trixie Johnson.

As a 25 year resident of District 1 and co-founder of the Easterbrook Neighborhood Association, I understand the needs of our District: improving public safety, maintaining parks, and expanding library services.

As an IT Project Manager and Senior Business Analyst, with 25 years of business experience, I understand the business that drives our local economy.

I will work diligently on your behalf to provide services such as police, fire, parks and libraries. I will use my business experience to bring jobs to San José and to balance the budget.

My community service, business experience, and Masters in Urban Planning will ensure my effectiveness as your councilmember.

Let's work together to move San José forward; www.boblevy.net

My unique experience as a downtown small business owner, community activist and visionary for San José separates me from my competition. I believe San José is at a critical crossroads. Our Police Department has been reduced in size, and we have lost our sense of safety and community, this needs to change.

We need a downtown that is safe, vibrant and exciting to live and work in for both residents and visitors alike. We especially need to keep our children safe at school, after school and at home.

We need a public safety plan that protects citizens and visitors while supporting downtown commerce.

We need a government and City Hall that works for the residents and the small businesses that are the backbone of San Jose.

I will work tirelessly to bring these changes to City Hall. It starts and ends with your help. Together we can make San José a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

I am honored to have the endorsement of Former San Jose Assemblyman Manny Diaz and Dr. Pham Le. Join my campaign at www.mejiaforcitycouncil2014.com or call 408-256-0082. I humbly ask for your vote.

My family has called San Jose home for many generations. We have always been committed to keeping our city a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I grew up here, went to school here and with my wife we are raising our kids here.

Recently, our community has faced many hardships: increases in crime, lost jobs and underfunded schools.

We need a leader that can bridge the gap and bring working families, City Government and local businesses together to build a better San Jose. I am ready to become the City Councilmember we need.

I created the North Side Youth Sports League — which gives kids the opportunity to be active and learn strong community values. Without stronger schools and programs like these, kids fall through the cracks and turn to drugs, crime and gangs.

As your City Councilmember, I will take a stand and deliver for our neighborhoods by:

- 1. Putting safety first to make our neighborhoods safer
- 2. Ensuring our schools have the resources they need for a solid education
- 3. Revitalizing business to improve our local economy
- 4. Supporting crucial city services like libraries and parks

I would be honored to have your vote in this race. www.GeorgeKleidon.com

District 3 Raul Peralez

Police Officer/Teacher

Remember when San Jose was the "safest big city in America"? Every day we read about violence and rising crime in our neighborhoods. This must stop. Irresponsible policies coming from City Hall must change.

I love being a San Jose native and San Jose State graduate. I'm proud to be a San Jose police officer, a Santa Clara County substitute teacher, and a former EMT. I serve on the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission, the Rosemary Gardens Neighborhood Association Board, as well as volunteer for numerous local non-profit organizations.

My collective experience in public safety, education, volunteerism and neighborhood involvement allows me to bring a fresh and passionate perspective to City Council.

We must fight to reduce crime rates, restore our police, fire and city services, and address homelessness. I'll be a strong advocate for downtown businesses so they remain in San Jose and provide good quality jobs with a living wage to our residents.

I care deeply about San Jose. I'm fiscally and socially responsible and will provide the leadership needed to put trust back into city government. If you believe we need a change, then I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you. www.RaulPeralez.com

District 3 John Hosman

EMT/Union Treasurer

I have watched our city and especially our downtown morph into something amazing. People are flocking to our urban core like never before. As a downtown resident, it is a source of pride to not only watch this transformation, but also take part in it.

I have worked hard to gain the experience necessary to represent you in city council. I belong to a labor union and I am a shop steward. I fight to protect wages, benefits, and treatment of working class families. Recognized for my education in economics, I was elected treasurer of the national union representing EMT's, paramedics and support staff across the country. I will hold the same accountability and responsibility representing you in city council.

At the same time, I come from and am a part of my family's small San José business. I understand the Issues businesses face when operating in the capital of Silicon Valley.

Experience aside, I will also strive to work for a strong urban core; pedestrian and bicycle friendly streets; parks and recreation; homeless outreach; a focus on broken window type crimes, and working towards a stronger community based on the arts, culture, and nutrition.

http://www.johnhosmonforsjdistrict3.com

I am running for city council to bring people together to find solutions for San José. For two decades I have lived, worked and served as a community advocate in our District 3 neighborhood. I want to put that community service experience to work for all my San José neighbors.

I am endorsed by San José Mayor Chuck Reed because of my community-based plan.

My priorities are: 1) hire more police to reduce crime, 2) attract new businesses and Create jobs, 3) reform municipal pensions, 4) be fiscally accountable to taxpayers, 5) expand library hours and services for seniors, and 6) foster a vibrant arts and culture scene.

My community experience includes leading successful efforts to keep Ellington Library in our neighborhood and to keep the San José Earthquakes in San José. That's why I know that working together, we really can achieve great things.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you.

Don Gagliardi

DonforCityCouncil.com

Community Service: District 3 Neighborhood Advisory Group. Northside Neighborhood Association, San José Downtown Association, Rotary Club San José, 13th Street Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, Downtown Neighborhood Leadership Forum, Preservation Action Council, Friends of: Ellington Library, Ryland Pool, Backesto Park, Watson Park.

Kathy Yamada Sutherland

Mother/Retired Manager

My leadership as a neighborhood advocate, community volunteer and Chief of Staff to a San José councilmember enable me to navigate city government to better serve all of us. I am a 33 year resident of District 3, mother and grandmother. I am uniquely prepared to represent you and will bring people together as we move forward.

My priorities: Ensure residents are safe by hiring more police, increasing neighborhood patrols, reducing emergency response times; funding code enforcement, park rangers and antigang programs; continue building a strong economy that provides opportunity for residents and businesses of all backgrounds; support after school homework centers and sports programs to help our children succeed and stay out of trouble; develop permanent, real solutions for the homeless.

I founded my neighborhood association, managed a neighborhood business association, and owned a small business. I am the leader who can balance the needs of neighborhoods and businesses when deciding complex issues. I will ensure we deliver city services effectively while being fiscally responsible.

My husband and I raised our family downtown. I'm endorsed by elected officials and more than 200 community leaders representing all aspects of San José. I would be honored to serve you.

Kathy

Kathysutherland4citycouncil.com

Now it's our time!

I am Aarón Reséndez, running for San José City Council. I am running because I have the Leadership, Integrity and Vision to lead Residents neighborhoods and businesses in District 5.

My wife and I have raised our children in East San Jose for the past 21 years. As a business leader, community advocate and a union member for 30 years, I know the challenges families face in our community.

On Public Safety; I will make it a priority to reach out to our Police Department, not as an adversary, but as your representative. It's time for all of us to demand that we be able to raise our families free from gang violence, free from intimidation, free from neglect, and free from politicians who want our vote and then turn away.

Your voice is your vote!

Our community will keep on suffering unless is well represented at City Hall with a strong leader that has deep roots and involvement with the community.

Now it's our time! I ask for your vote so together we can make District 5 the best place in San José to live, work and do business.

Sincerely,

Aarón R. Reséndez

http://www.aaronresendezforcitycouncil.com https://www.facebook.com/aaronresendez4d5 Over the past four years, self serving politics, mismanagement, and distrust have hurt the Eastside. As a State Commissioner, educator, and children's advocate, I have a proven record of fighting for Eastside families and delivering results.

Born and raised in San Jose, I was the first in my family to graduate from high school and college. It was great role models and opportunity that helped me succeed. Everyone deserves the same chance. That's why I've devoted my life to creating opportunities for Eastside families.

As a children's advocate, I've worked to help youth reach their full potential -keeping them off the streets and on the right path. As a school boardmember, I've worked with teachers and parents to improve academic standards to prepare kids for college or a career.

I was honored to have my work recognized by Governor Jerry Brown when he appointed me to the California First Five Commission and the State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care.

I'm running for City Council to put an end to political games and refocus on the things that matter to Eastside families - good schools, good jobs, and delivering results.
www.votemagdalena.com

I'm proud to be from East San José. I'm even prouder to be working for East San José - the families, small businesses and schools of our neighborhoods. Thank you for electing me to the City Council to serve you.

We've accomplished much together. A "gun buy-back" program taking almost 500 dangerous weapons off our streets. \$1 million back into the City budget for gang prevention and intervention. Saved crossing guards from budget cuts. Restrictions on predatory pay-day loan companies. Voter approval increasing the minimum wage. Balanced city budgets even with a down economy.

Looking ahead, we must restore our public safety departments to full strength. We need pension reform - but negotiated reform. Disastrous public safety policies forced on us by downtown corporate interests have left our police and fire departments in shambles. Our neighborhoods bear the brunt of increased crime - it must end!

While public safety is priority one - I will continue working for good jobs for our community, more public park space, clean streets, affordable healthcare and better schools.

Living here all my life, I know we can make our community safer and better. I would be honored to represent you again on the City Council. Thank you. www.XavierCampos.com

District 7 Buu Thai

School Board President

For 31 years, District 7 has been my home. After graduating from Franklin McKinley and East Side Union, I received a Bachelors from University of California Davis and a Masters from San José State. My first job after college was a counselor with Catholic Charities. For 10 years, I developed programs and services for Latino and Vietnamese youth and their families to address truancy, gangs, teen pregnancy, dating violence and homelessness.

As School Board President, I worked to achieve excellence in our students while balancing the budget. During my 8 years on the School Board, we improved student test scores districtwide, attracted and retained quality staff, and created a safe learning environment for all students. Soon, we break ground on Educare in the Santee Neighborhood, a California first state-of-the-art early learning center.

On the City Council, I will stand up for all our neighborhoods. I will continue to help families and young people by fighting for quality schools, ensuring productive after-school activities, enhancing public safety, and advocating for small businesses and job creation.

Please join Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, community leaders, local teachers, parents and neighbors in supporting Buu Thai for City Council.

District 7 Tam Nguyen
Attorney

In 34 years living in San Jose, I saw the population almost doubled, yet the police force reduced from 1,400 to 900. The crime rate is increasing while there aren't enough officers to respond to residents' cries for help.

Due to economic slowdown, residents in District 7, the poorest in the city, suffer the most and need help to find jobs and affordable housing.

As a candidate for council, my goal "Bring City To The People" is to:

- 1. Make City Safe: Cut wastes and increase budget for police, fire and safety services;
- 2. Good Living: More affordable housing
- 3. Fair Employment: More job training. Bring businesses to the district;
- 4. Improve Education for our children and ESL for the disadvantaged.
- 5. Better Health Care for all residents.

For 22 years working as an attorney, advocate, and community activist, I have assisted many poor and disadvantaged people in our district. As a council, I will bring abundant resources of the city to the people in need.

I have always been a fighter for the poor people, and will continue to do so at the council forum. And I need each vote from you. Thank you. Tam Nguyen, MBA, JD.

District 7 Maya Esparza

Governing Board Member, Franklin-McKinley School District

Once again our neighborhoods are being neglected. We deserve better. As a Franklin-McKinley School District Trustee, I've worked to improve academic achievement for all of our children. I've balanced the budget and added after-school programs at our neediest schools. I will bring that record of success to the City Council and our neighborhoods.

The safety of our neighborhoods is my top priority. As a school board member, I worked to provide our youth with positive alternatives to gangs and drugs. As your City Councilwoman, I will:

- 1. Increase community policing and hire more police officers
- 2. Improve partnerships with schools
- 3. Add funds to fight gangs
- 4. Expand recreation programs for our youth
- 5. Ease traffic congestion

I'm a lifelong San Jose resident and have served our community for over 20 years. From my time as a Commissioner at the City of San Jose to Vice President at the American Red Cross Silicon Valley, I've worked hard to help improve the quality-of-life of San Jose families.

I appreciate your vote and will make your voice heard at City Hall.

I came to America with my family to seek a better life - and I found it. Thanks to hard work and opportunity, I've been blessed to graduate from college, work for the City of San Jose, start my own business, and win election to the East Side Union High School Board.

But today many are not getting the same opportunity. I'll push to ensure District 7 residents have better schools, more businesses and better paying jobs. I'll fight to improve housing availability, and invest in community resources like the Cultural Garden, local parks and libraries. •

I'm proud to have the support of former San Jose Vice Mayor Pat Dando, Councilmembers Kansen Chu and Pete Constant, US Hispanic Chamber founder John Zamora, and Little Saigon San Jose Foundation President Barry Do.

I'll work with these, and other, leaders to help schools by strengthening the truancy program to get kids back in class where they can learn; focus economic development on small businesses that create good-paying jobs; and restore police patrols with an emphasis on neighborhoods - so they can fight crime and be responsive to the community. With your help and your vote, we can bring the community together and keep San Jose moving forward.

www.VanLeForCitycouncil.com

I am committed to public service and would be honored to serve the City of San Jose.

Once reelected, I will continue to be an advocate for you, the resident and taxpayer. I will work to see that the city prioritizes service restorations to those core neighborhood services that we pay for and need most: public safety, street pavement, quality parks, libraries, and community center programs that serve our youth and seniors.

I also will use my current experience as your Councilmember to balance the budget and advocate for a reinvestment in our Police and Fire Departments. Support is needed in order to achieve better response times and hire more officers to serve our community. With the endorsement and support of the San Jose Police Officers Association and Sheriff Laurie Smith, I feel I am in the best position to achieve our goal of a safe city.

To accomplish this, I will work to maintain and increase the city's revenue through the retention and creation of employment and business opportunities through incentives and improved permitting processes.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact me at (408) 355-4196 or visit my website at www.donaldrocha.com.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

District 9

Lois Wilco-Owens

Licensed Family Therapist

No Candidate Statement Submitted